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## MESSAGE IS PRESENTED

### President Roosevelt Addresses Congress as to the Requirements of Our Nation.

## TRUST QUESTION DISCUSSED

### Special Plea Made for Alaska and Appropriation Urged for Lewis and Clark Centennial.

Washington, Dec. 7.—When congress convened in regular session today the annual message of the president was read. In part the message was as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

The country is to be congratulated on the amount of substantial achievement which has marked the past year both as regards our foreign and as regards our domestic policy.

### CORPORATIONS.

With a nation as with a man the most important things are those of the household, and therefore the country is especially to be congratulated on what has been accomplished in the direction of providing for the exercise of supervision over the great corporations and combinations of corporations engaged in interstate commerce. The congress has created the department of commerce and labor, including the bureau of corporations, with for the first time authority to secure proper publicity of such proceedings of these great corporations as the public has a right to know. It has provided for the expediting of suits for the enforcement of the anti-trust law; and by another law it has secured equal treatment to all producers in the transportation of their goods, thus taking a long stride forward in making effective the work of the interstate commerce commission.

### COMMERCE AND LABOR.

The establishment of the department of commerce and labor, with the bureau of corporations thereunder, marks a real advance in the direction of doing all that is possible for the solution of the questions vitally affecting capitalists and wage workers. The act creating the department was approved on February 14, 1903, and two days later the head of the department was nominated and confirmed by the senate. Since then the work of organization has been pushed as rapidly as the initial appropriations permitted, and with due regard to thoroughness and the broad purposes which the department is designed to serve. After the transfer of the various bureaus and branches to the department at the beginning of the current fiscal year, as provided for in the act, the personnel comprised 1,289 employees in Washington and \$836 in the country at large. The scope of the department's duty and authority embraces the commercial and industrial interests of the nation. It is not designed to restrict nor control the fullest liberty of legitimate business action, but to secure exact and authentic information which will aid the executive in enforcing existing laws, and which will enable the congress to enact additional legislation, if any should be found necessary, in order to prevent the loss from obtaining privileges at the expense of diminished opportunities for the many.

### CAPITAL AND LABOR.

The consistent policy of the national government, so far as it has the power, is to hold in check the unscrupulous man, whether employer or employee; but to refuse to weaken individual initiative or to hamper or cramp the industrial development of the country. We recognize that this is an era of federation and combination, in which great capitalistic corporations and labor unions have become factors of tremendous importance in all industrial centers. Hearty recognition is given the far-reaching, beneficent work which has been accomplished through both corporations and unions, and the line as between different corporations, as between different unions, is drawn as it

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### MINERS ARE MORE TEMPERATE.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 7.—As a result of the increase of temperance sentiment among the anthracite miners, nearly one-third of the 1100 saloon keepers of

Schuykill county will go out of business next year. This is shown by the decreased number of applicants for licenses.

## PROCEEDING WAS SHAMEFUL

### So Says Judge Dunne of the Panama Revolution.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—In an address before the Henry George Association, Judge Edward F. Dunne has declared that President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay originally were cognizant of the Panama revolution. He reviewed the details of the secession and the treaty concluded between the United States and Panama, and declared the whole transaction "record so unprincipled and so vile as to cause every American citizen who has his country's honor and glory at heart to hang his head in shame."

## Awful Disease Killing Natives

### Sleeping Sickness Makes Its Appearance in Africa and Thousands Are Dying.

New York, Dec. 7.—By the American board of commissioners for foreign missions has been issued a statement concerning the ravages of the strange epidemic known as the "sleeping sickness" now prevalent in certain parts of the dark continent. The facts were gathered by the board's missionaries in Africa.

The disease appeared in Uganda three years ago, probably coming from Congo regions. It prevails on the islands and shores of lake Victoria and inland from these shores a dozen miles. No less than 68,000 persons have died, 10,000 within the last five months. The commissions from England has decided that the disease is scattered by a fly called tsetse. No antidote has yet been discovered.

The first symptom of the presence of the disease is headache, with swelling of the glands of the neck, followed by protracted sleeping on the part of the patient.

## Is Kidnaped by Blackmailers

### Wealthy Italian Disappears after Receiving Threatening Letters From Black Hand Society.

New York, Dec. 7.—Following threats of assassination by the Black Hand Society, Nicholas Parella, complainant against four Italians who recently held him up, has disappeared. He left his home in Brooklyn last Wednesday and has not been seen since.

The police believe Parella was spirited away by agents of the blackmailing society, which has for several months been terrorizing wealthy Italians. Other witnesses in the case have failed to appear in court and the detectives have received scores of threatening letters.

## EUGENE DEBS IS PESSIMISTIC

### Labor Leader Scores Both of the Political Parties.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Eugene V. Debs has addressed a socialist meeting in the Coliseum where 10,000 were present. The speaker characterized the dominant political organization as "capitalistic parties," told the workmen that they were "slaves of their employers," and declared labor unions misled, their only chance of benefiting their members being through the adoption of the socialist program.

"The democratic party is dead, was dead long ago," said Mr. Debs. "Still it has a mission, as one wing of the capitalistic forces. Republican prosperity almost has run its course, and it is nearly time to shove in a democratic president as a scapegoat for the coming panic."

## SEEKS LIFE OF ACTRESS

### Austrian Princess Shoots and Seriously Injures Girl Who Trifles With Prince.

## SURPRISED THEM TOGETHER

### Makes Her Way to Meeting Place and Fires Point Blank at Her Operatic Rival.

New York, Dec. 7.—Prince Otto, of Windisch-Graetz, his youthful and very wealthy wife, the Princess Elizabeth Marie, whom he married only a year ago, and a pretty actress of the opera at Prague, are the central figures in an extraordinary story cabled from Vienna to the World.

The princess, who is the granddaughter on her father's side of the emperor of Austria, and on her mother's side of the king of the Belgians, only 20 years old, a royal personage who renounced her rights to the throne of Austria in order to marry as her heart dictated, is asserted to have shot and seriously wounded a handsome young actress with whom the prince is alleged to have had a rendezvous.

The affair is said to have taken place in the palace of the estate of the Prince's family at Prague.

It appears that Prince Otto had been secretly paying attention to the actress, whose beauty has been causing a sensation in Prague. The princess, presumably informed by a disappointed suitor of the footlight favorite that a rendezvous had been arranged in the palace, was thrown into a passion and hurried to the prince's apartments with a small revolver he had given her. A valet stood at the door and refused her admittance. She drew the revolver and fired, it is stated. The valet fled, screaming at the top of his voice. Entering the rooms, the princess confronted her husband, who attempted to hold her arm, but she is said to have then fired at the height of rage and to have fired point blank at the actress, who covered in a corner. The woman fell severely, but not fatally, wounded over the breast, and the princess fell in a swoon.

her home and her servants spread the story, despite strenuous efforts to hush it up. Prince Otto is 30 years old and was a lieutenant in the First regiment of Uhlans. The Austrian emperor, whose favorite granddaughter the princess was, opposed the match, but finally consented and gave away the bride, whose marriage was celebrated in a magnificent way at Vienna after the arch-duchess had renounced her right of succession to the dual throne of Austria and Hungary. In consideration of her renunciation the emperor gave to the bride securities valued at \$1,000,000, a yearly allowance of \$250,000, jewels worth \$1,000,000, a gold dinner service and several residences. The princess is the daughter of Crown Prince Rudolph, whose tragic death at his hunting lodge several years ago was the sensation of the day.

## CHILD WIFE MARRIED AGAIN

### Soldier Returns From Philippines to Be Disappointed.

New York, Dec. 7.—Michael Nurtoll, soldier, just returned from service in the Philippines, refuses to play the role of Enoch Arden. He married a girl of 16 a few weeks before enlisting for service in the war with Spain. Upon returning to Paterson, N. J., he failed to locate his bride. After a long search he discovered she was married again, not having heard from him for two years and believing him to be dead. Nurtoll says he sent money home frequently, and has had her arrested for bigamy.

## WANTS ZEIGLER EXTRADITED.

New York, Dec. 7.—Attorney-General E. C. Crow, of Missouri, accompanied by the sheriff of Cole county, has arrived here and will go to Albany today to urge before Governor Odell the extradition of William Zeigler, of this city, indicted on the charge of supplying \$15,000 to bribe the Missouri legislature.

## ALL BODIES NOW RECOVERED.

Hanna, Wyo., Dec. 7.—The bodies of five men who were killed by gas in the mines here June 20, and were supposed to have lived for several days, have been recovered. These are the last bodies in the mine. Appearances indicate that they were overcome by the afterdamp.

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